

**The Book of Isaiah**  
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**Week 2 - Reading Biblical Prophecy**

**FROM SERMON TO BOOK - A CRUCIAL DISTINCTION**

*What is the distinction?*

*Why is this important?*

THE PROPHET'S SERMON	THE AUTHOR'S SERMON
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

*EXAMPLE: The Book of Jonah*

## FOUNDATIONS FOR READING THE BIBLE

- *The Bible is About the Messiah:* The prevailing subject of the Bible's story is the \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_.
- *We Must Be Cross-Eyed:* Our reading is always kept in check by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- *We Apply Our Life to the Bible:* The Bible provides us a \_\_\_\_\_ picture of the \_\_\_\_\_; we are to fit our own life into its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in God's revealed purposes.
- *The Bible is One Book:* The Bible and its books are \_\_\_\_\_-designed, and have been \_\_\_\_\_ connected together by its various \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Look at the Lines, Not Between Them:* Our goal in reading the Bible is to see what is \_\_\_\_\_; we must avoid \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible, but be careful to read it with \_\_\_\_\_.

## QUESTIONS TO HELP INTERPRET THE LINES

1. Where does the passage begin and end?
2. What kind of prophetic text am I reading: poetic, narrative, or apocalyptic?
3. What is at the beginning of the passage? What does the author start with?
4. What is at the end? In what ways does the passage develop from beginning to end?  
How did it get there and where is it going?
5. Is anything repeated? Why is it?
6. What are key words and themes in the passage?
7. Does this passage look back to any previous Scripture via its key words, themes, or quotations? What is its relationship to that Scripture?
8. How is this passage related to the previous passage?

## WHAT DO WE "SEE" IN ISAIAH 2?